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Seniors Elect Celebrities, Conduct Varied Activities

Besides engaging in academic activities, the senior graduating class has been enjoying a full round of social events. Among these were the Senior Breakfast, Senior Day, and the Senior Celebrity Dance.

The Senior Breakfast was held November 27 at Cooky's Restaurant. Mr. Hersh and the senior advisers, Mr. Jack Gordon and Mr. Ronald Kronheim, along with other members of the faculty, joined the students at their festive post-Thanksgiving breakfast.

On December 9 all the seniors were decked out in their green and white plumed hats in observance of Senior Day, another highlight of the senior term. The day got under way with the presentation of the senior show, which featured excerpts from the class' Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Sings and allowed the students an opportunity to poke good-natured fun at their teachers in a series of skits. Later in the day, seniors were permitted to teach some of their classes. The finale of the day was the traditional senior dance.

The eagerly awaited announcement of senior celebrities was finally made at the Senior Celebrity Dance, held on January 9. Those chosen by their fellow-seniors for various titles are:

Joe and Jane Utrecht, Mark Chaiken and Harriet Englander; Did Most, David Tesser and Sandi Lagano; Most Popular, Irwin Vogelman and Harriet Englander; Most Likely to Succeed, David Tesser and Sandi Lagano; Athlete, Rocco Morelli and Lisa Schuh; Comedian, Steven Arbeitman and Shelly Levine; Venus, Arlene Tomei; Adonis, Bruce Barr; Musician, Anthony Alaimo; Vocalist, Bonnie Black; Actress, Maxine Rinsky; Artist, Christine Termini; Writer, David Tesser; Genius, Warren Sass; Versatile, Madeline Press; Friendliest, Judy Bernstein; Best Dressed, Maureen Guzzardi; Miss Petite, Marsha Gerlitz.

Sandi Lagano Wins Leadership Award

For their leadership in various phases of extra-curricular activity, five members of the Class of January 1965 will receive Cooperation-in-Government awards at the commencement exercises on February 1. The awards, given to one of every fifty graduates, include a medal, to be presented this term to Sandi Lagano, and four certificates, won by Mark Chaykin, Harriet Englander, Linda Ritorto, and Irwin Vogelman.

Sandi, the Cooperation-in-Government medalist, has served as both vice-president and treasurer of the G.O. and has been a member of the G.O. Cabinet for three years. She was also G.O. Publicity Commissioner and a member of the Social, County Fair, and Ticket and Sales Commissions. In addition, she represented New Utrecht in the borough-wide and city-wide Student Councils and at the Richard Wellington Conference at Andover, New Jersey. She participated in three Sings and is a member of Arista, Agathon, and Boosters.

As leader of the stage crew, Mark has had to assume many responsibilities both during and after the school day. His other activities include Sing, the varsity show, Speech Department service, and membership in Speakers' Workshop, Arista, and the Program Squad.

Elected both vice-president and secretary of the G.O., Harriet has also served as sophomore grade representative and as a member of the Elections, County Fair, Ticket Sales, Publicity, and Social Commissions. She represented the school at the Long Island City Conference, took part in three Sings, and served on several

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"Macbeth" Presented By Professional Cast

More than one thousand students purchased tickets to see the National Shakespeare Company's production of *Macbeth* on Tuesday, January 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The Company is a professional repertory group which plays to audiences throughout the country.

Plans for the presentation of this professional production were made under the supervision of the English and Speech Departments whose chairmen are Mr. Herbert Potell, and Miss Mildred Windecker, respectively.

Alumna To Be Piano Soloist At Spring Music Festival

The annual Spring Music Festival will be held this year on Saturday evening, March 27, in the New Utrecht High School auditorium. All the major musical organizations of the school, including the orchestra, the band, the Madrigal, and the girls' chorus, are now preparing for the performance.

Featured soloist at the concert will be a graduate of New Utrecht, Eileen Scala, who made a sensational debut three years ago at Town Hall. She will play a group of piano selections of a popular nature.

At the time of Mrs. Scala's debut, the music critic of the New York *Times* wrote, "She is a gifted and sensitive musician and her playing is of high quality. Everywhere there was a grateful perception of the piano and of the ability to project genuinely musical ideas."

Mrs. Scala will have an opportunity to display her versatility as a musician at the New Utrecht concert. She will play Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso," Liszt's "Liebestraum," and Chopin's "Polonaise."

Most of the selections that will be performed by the student choral and instrumental groups will be of a semi-classical type. A number of them, however, are in the category of popular music.

Memorial Room Dedicated

Standing in front of the Memorial Music Room (left to right): Mr. Levite, Dr. Silberman, Mrs. Ehrlich, Mr. Hersh.

To honor the memory of Mr. Philip Ehrlich, a ceremony was held on the evening of December 21, dedicating Room 512 as the Philip Ehrlich Memorial Music Room. Mr. Ehrlich, chairman of New Utrecht's Music Department from 1921 until his death in 1958, had gained considerable recognition for his gifts as a musician and for the inspiration his teaching had given many of his students.

The ceremony, attended by Mr. Ehrlich's former students and colleagues, included talks by Mr. Isaac Hersh, principal, and Dr. Israel Silberman, chairman of the Music Department.

Mr. Hersh pointed out that Mrs. Dina Ehrlich's devotion and interest had made the establishment of the room as a memorial to her husband possible. Then, emphasizing the reputation enjoyed by Mr. Ehrlich, Mr. Hersh read a telegram sent by a graduate now a professional musician, who declared that it was to Mr. Ehrlich that he owed all his love for music.

Calling attention to a lengthy list of alumni musicians now performing professionally from California to Switzerland, Dr. Silberman spoke about the great influence exerted by Mr. Ehrlich through the graduates he had prepared for professional careers and those he simply taught to love music through his enthusiasm, compassion, and understanding.

Several musical selections were played by the Levite String Ensemble. After the inspection of the room and of the bronze memorial plaque above the entrance, refreshments were served by Mrs. Miriam Kotch and Mrs. Lillian Wind.

G.O. ELECTIONS

The following students were chosen as G.O. officers for next term, in an election held December 4.

Joe LaTerra was re-elected to the presidency; Tony DiRaimondo is the new vice-president; Beverly Alexander, secretary; Connie Krumbein, treasurer; Fran DiMasi, chief justice. The new associate justices are Arlene Buraczynski, Jeanette Logrippo, Richard Martin, and Pat Vultaggio.

J. Steinberg, W. Sass Lead January 1965 Ranking List

Based upon averages achieved during six terms of high school, a senior ranking list has been compiled. Leading the list of January graduates is Judybonnie Steinberg, with an average of 95.66. Warren Sass, with 95.44; Morris Beatus, with 94.88; and David Tesser, with 94.81 occupy the next highest position on the list.

Judybonnie, who will attend Brooklyn College, plans to major in mathematics. Her extra-curricular activities at New Utrecht include membership in the math team.

Warren hopes to attend Princeton University and plans to major in physics. He has been a member of Arista, Agathon, the math team, chess club, and G.O. Cabinet, and has participated in the Junior and Senior Sings and the senior show.

Morris, whose activities range from the editorship of the NUHS to service on the General Office and Program Office Squads, is headed for Brooklyn College and pre-engineering courses.

David also plans to attend Brooklyn College. Boy leader of Arista and a member of the NUHS staff and the Program Office squad, David played a major role in the senior show.

Sixteen other members of the class of January 1965 attained averages of at least 90% during three years of high school. They are: Vivian Siracusa, whose average was 93.8; Hedy Ullman, 93.63; Estelle Kartagener, 93.27; Nicholas Santoriello, 93.2; Janice Siegel, 93.12; Sandi Lagano, 92.88; Lucille Mendlovitz, 92.3; Helena Sturm, 92.25; Elaine Newman, 91.55; Christine Termini, 91.37; Maureen Guzzardi, 91; Judy Freedman, 90.57; Natalie Chandros, 90.56; Arlene Monash, 90.45; Marjorie Bernfield, 90.43; Maxine Rinsky, 90.37.

Music Was Live At G.O. '65 Jive

The girls' gym of New Utrecht echoed with the sound of pop music and lively dancing on Friday evening, January 15. The big occasion was the '65 Jive planned by the Social Commission of the G.O. The dance provided a good substitute for January graduates who will not have a prom this year.

Once again the "Q-Kumbers," a rock and roll band consisting of students who attend New Utrecht, exhibited their talent in providing the music for the dance. Among the boys in this popular group, which also played at the Spooks Jamboree in October, are Anthony Barratta, Dennis Marino, Robert Pergola, John Serrano, and Vern Sollicitto.

Admission to the dance was 75 cents for tickets purchased in advance and $1.25 at the door.

240 To Get Diplomas At Feb. 1 Graduation

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

Left to right: Morris Beatus, Sandi Lagano, Warren Sass, Judybonnie Steinberg, and David Tesser.

Diplomas will be awarded to 240 New Utrecht seniors in the school auditorium on Monday morning, February 1. The graduation exercises are scheduled to begin promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Mr. Isaac Hersh, principal of New Utrecht, will be the main speaker at the commencement exercises. In addition to his address, there will be talks by four graduates on various phases of the topic, "Myth versus Reality."

The first of the student speakers, Judybonnie Steinberg, will discuss the nature of myths. David Tesser will explain the background of myths and the way in which they are created, and Morris Beatus will discuss the way in which people, through the years, have learned to become more realistic. Warren Sass will then present a brief summary of the other talks and will explain how, by rejecting myths, we can become better people.

The graduates will be led in the traditional pledge by Sandi Lagano, and Linda Ritorto will receive a symbolic diploma on behalf of the class. An electric duplicating machine, the senior class' gift to the school, will be presented by Irwin Vogelman, president of the Class of January 1965.

Music will be provided at the graduation by the orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Israel Silberman. The program will include "Triumphal March" by Grieg, selections from "My Fair Lady" by Loewe, "Brass Music of the Seventeenth Century," and "Semper Fidelis" by Sousa.

Utes To Compete In Drama Contest

As the official New Utrecht entry in the New York City High School Drama Festival, excerpts from *The Glass Menagerie* will be presented during the morning assembly on February 24 by members of Drama Workshop I.

The Festival, a competition among high school dramatic groups, is held annually. Judges chosen on a city-wide basis visit each of the participating schools to attend and evaluate their productions.

Miss Adele Fink, who teaches Drama Workshop I, explained that *The Glass Menagerie* was selected because it is "a fine, sensitive drama which we feel is understandable to the students."

Every student in the special drama class will participate in some phase of production, but the main characters will be played by Leonard DiSesa as Tom; Rea Simon as Amanda; Neal Antin as the gentleman caller; and Jill Lipoff as Laura. Carol LaGreca is the production manager, and Clelia Piracci and Linda Donato are the assistant directors.

Drama Workshop I is a new course, introduced into the curriculum this term by the Speech Department, under Miss Mildred Windecker's chairmanship. The class, open to seniors only, is designed to acquaint the students with acting techniques and production methods. Since Drama Workshop II prepares the varsity show, for which prospective participants must try out, the new program will be offered in the fall term only.

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Opinions Welcomed

The NUHS has recently received letters which criticize various aspects of the school's General Organization. They are printed below—but not as an attack on the G.O. or on the students actively participating in it. On the contrary, the space allowed for this purpose is intended to provide a forum for what we hope will be meaningful and constructive discussion of issues important to Utrechtites.

These letters are, fortunately, part of the voice of the student body taking an active interest in the operation of their student government and making suggestions for its improvement. This should result in advantages for all of us.

The letters follow:

To the Editor:

I have been in New Utrecht for four years, and in those four years I have seen seven G.O. Assemblies. In all of those assemblies, the same ridiculous questions have been asked. Because they are repetitive, they fail miserably in their attempt to show the "true feelings" of the candidates attempting to answer them. The answers given at today's assembly, December, 1964 were the same as those given in December, 1961. They are very safe answers and it is a rare occasion indeed, when a candidate will go out on a limb for what he believes. I believe this stagnation of the G.O. Assembly is responsible for the recent disenchantment of the students of New Utrecht High School and there is disenchantment, no matter how successful monetarily the G.O. has been.

Next term, I shall see the eighth G.O. Assembly of my high school career. There is no doubt in my mind as to the type of questions that will be asked, and I will prepare myself for another pointless, boring, G.O. Assembly.

Leonard DiSesa

To the Editor:

. . . The people who are chosen as candidates for G.O. office are picked by a screening committee, which is fine. The indecency is that the screening committee and the people up for nomination belong to the same clique which rules the G.O. . . . The whole system is outrageous. It depends on the impartiality of students in their own election and no student can be that impartial, or should be.

Therefore it is my contention that something should be done about this. One suggestion is that a board of teachers who are not affiliated with the G.O. be formed not only to screen people who have indicated their desire to run, but also to recommend and screen people who they think are capable. This should help to eliminate the popularity contest of screening.

This board would then be able to give us students for office who are capable, while not limiting the aspirations of people whose name the board does not happen to come across while looking for qualified candidates, thus giving us (if possible) an efficient student government.

Joel Zimmerman

Your reactions to the above comments will be welcomed by the G.O. and the NUHS. We believe that it is an encouraging and positive sign when students assume not merely the passive role of an onlooker in the affairs of their G.O. and school, but also bestir themselves to point out defects and suggest means for improvement. No organization is immune to critical examination or suggestions for improvement. It is, therefore, strongly hoped that other readers of the NUHS will emulate these two students in their concern with, and participation in, school affairs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday evening, February 12—Dance at Cotillion Terrace, sponsored by the Parents Association.**
- **Friday evening, February 26—Student-Faculty Basketball Game and Dance, in the gym.**
- **Friday evening, March 12—Dance sponsored by Agathon, at the Cotillion Terrace.**

The Other Side

" I feel that teaching in high school presents a wonderful opportunity to work with students who are still in the process of growing." This is the explanation given by Mrs. Alice Meyer when asked why she chose to become a high school teacher.

Mrs. Meyer joined our speech department in 1962, after graduating from Brooklyn College, where she participated in many theatrical productions presented by Brooklyn's Varsity Players. Her involvement with the theatre has continued at New Utrecht. Last spring she directed "The Diary of Anne Frank" for the varsity show, and will direct this spring's varsity show, *The Teahouse of the August Moon.* She explains her choice of a comedy following a drama: "I think that the students of New Utrecht should be exposed to as many types of theatre productions as possible in their stay here."

Mrs. Meyer believes that the varsity show enables the participants to understand and work with others more congenially. Psychologically, she feels it aids the student to become a more well-rounded individual by putting him into the role of another person. In addition, even amateur performances form the basis for worthwhile theatre appreciation in the audience.

Mrs. Meyer, who is an avid sports enthusiast, shares her love for skiing with her husband. Throughout the winter they indulge in as much skiing as possible. In addition to their common admiration for the snowy slope, they enjoy traveling to many colleges to attend football and basketball games. Her other interest is reading. At the present time she is reading The Theatre of the Absurd, which she is finding most fascinating.

Not content to let her education stagnate, Mrs. Meyer is studying for her M.A. in theatre arts in Brooklyn College. One of the requirements for the degree is directing the Varsity Players in a major production.

With her interests so centered around the theatre, it may seem puzzling that Mrs. Meyer turned to teaching. In explanation, she points out, "I feel that being a speech teacher enables me to help my students communicate among themselves and with the world around them."

By Bob Cherdack and Ricky Friedberg

You Said It

QUESTION: What will you miss about New Utrecht after graduating in February?
ANSWERS:

Nick Santoriello: All the fun and experiences shared with friends.

Marsha Skwiersky: Marking tests for Mr. Kronheim.

Arlene Dorfman: Sing preparation meetings.

Lucille Mendlovitz: Are you kidding?

Mark Chaiken: The experiences shared with other members of Stage Crew.

Estelle Kartagener: When I start college, I'll miss the work that I'll probably admit was really easy, and the teachers who really cared.

Maria Volpicelli: Arguments with teachers.

Warren Sass: The first victory in five years over the Lafayette math team.

Steve Arbeitman: Fail-safe bell system, forged passes, and friends.

David Tesser: The confining walls.

Evelyn Jelmert: Zero period gym and the music elephants in the boys' lunchroom when I'm in my fourth floor classes.

Examination Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:15 - 12:15
Biology (Regents)
American History and World Backgrounds (Regents)
9:15 - 10:45
American History 7 (for general students)
10:45 - 12:15
English 8 (for general students)
1:15 - 4:15
10th Year Math (Regents)
11th Year Math (Regents)
12th Year Math (Regents)
Comb. Shorthand, Type. & Trans. (City-wide)
Merchandising (City-wide)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:15 - 12:15
English 4 Years (Regents)
12:45 - 3:45
Italian 3 Years (City-wide)
Spanish 3 Years (City-wide)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:15 - 12:15
Earth Science (City-wide)
Bookkeping 2 Years (City-wide)
Mechanical Drawing II (City-wide)

Hear Ye! G.O. Court in Session; Student Judges Render Verdict

By Richard Karpf

During a recent assembly program, a hopeful G.O. candidate said that the deans do not cooperate with the Student Court sufficiently. It is, however, the contention of Tony DiRaimondo, chief justice of the Court since September, that this term has seen the advent of greater cooperation from the deans than ever before.

Tony believes, though, that the Court does not get enough cooperation from the student body, many of whose members, he feels, are either uninformed or misinformed about the Court's procedures. Some clarification, it is hoped, will be furnished by the following paragraphs.

The Student Court meets during the eighth period in Room 506 two or three times a week, depending upon the number of cases referred to it. In addition to Chief Justice DiRaimondo, the Court is composed of four associate justices: Beverly Alexander, Fran DiMasi, Linda Ritorto, and Robert Strauss. All five of the justices were elected by G.O. members in the May elections. In addition to being an associate justice, Fran is now also chief justice-elect of the Court, having won the recent G.O. election to the higher post for next term.

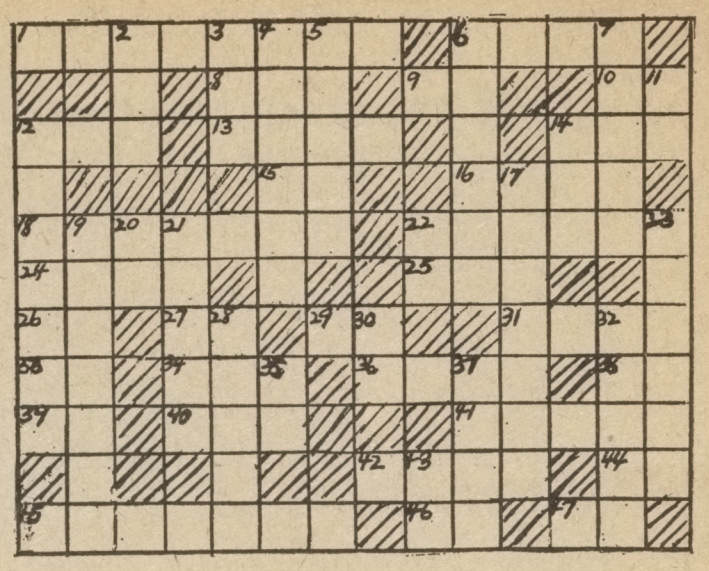
The duty of the Student Court is to review deans' cards sent to the Court by the deans. The chief justice says that attendance in the Court this term has increased greatly over previous terms. The procedure in the Court is not unlike that of a regular courtroom. The defendant enters the courtroom and relates his story to the justices, who may question him at any time. The defendant is then asked to leave the room, and while he is out, the justices discuss the case among themselves, and then reach a verdict by vote. The chief justice votes only in case of a tie in the voting.

After a student has been heard by the Court, the justices may recommend that no disciplinary action is warranted or, in cases where the verdict is "guilty," punitive action may be recommended. Punishment may consist of the insertion of a record of the case in the student's file or assignment to detention.

Since the Court affords students with greater opportunities for self-government and with a method whereby they may be judged by their fellow-students, Chief Justice DiRaimondo considers it unfortunate that some members of the student body look upon the Court with indifference or skepticism. If Utrechtites are to derive all that can be derived from student government, he emphasizes, it is important that they take an interest in all its phases, including the judicial branch, the Student Court.

NUHS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By David Tesser



ACROSS
1. Team coached by Mr. Rapp
6. Ended in seniors' victory
8. You ..... There (Old TV show)
10. A preposition
12. Sorority
13. Change color
14. Department headed by Mrs. Schutz
15. Symbol for tin
16. Initials of important test
18. ..... show this year will be **Teahouse of the August Moon**
22. School's "privileged class"
24. Rochelle and Morris do this for the NUHS
25. A unit of energy
26. Initials of silent screen idol
27. Prefix meaning "off"
29. 33 1/3 R.P.M. record
31. Speech defect
33. Prefix meaning "two"
34. Children's game
36. "Gift of the ....."
38. Post Office
39. German elite guard
40. Electrocardiogram (abbr.)
41. Wealthy U.S. fur merchant
42. Department headed by Mr. Perkus
44. Right (abbr.)
45. Card that N.U. students carry
46. Maine (abbr.)
47. Initials of author of this puzzle

DOWN
2. A cereal grass
3. Baseball .....
4. School honor society
5. Senior Sing chairman's first name
6. This team reached PSAL finals
7. Greta ....., famous actress
11. .....N..... (explosive)
12. Verb modifier
14. First three vowels
17. Department offering new advanced placement course
19. Helps plan students' programs
20. Rhode Island
21. The Empire .....
23. A card that brings happiness or sorrow
28. Last name of social studies teacher
30. These students get home late
32. Pastime having athletic character
35. Local on the IND train
37. A movable opening
43. These students get up early

Cagers Beat Canarsie 65-36 After Dropping 4 Straight

The New Utrecht basketball team won its first league game by beating Canarsie 65-36 on December 18. This broke a four-game losing streak which began with a heart-breaking double-overtime loss to Adelphi Academy in a non-league contest. After defeating Canarsie, the cagers returned to their losing ways, dropping contests to Sheepshead, Lincoln and Lafayette.

Against Adelphi, the Utes put together a great effort. At half-time Adelphi was leading by one, but the Utes evened the score and at the end of regulation time, the score was tied. In the first overtime with Adelphi ahead by two, Lester Goldman sank a shot at the buzzer to even the score, but in the second overtime Adelphi did the same with the score even to win 61-59. Scoring in double figures were Manny Goldstein with 17 points, Jerry Finklestein with 16, Goldman with 11 and Captain George Imbriale with ten.

In their league opener the Utes faced a strong Madison team. Outplayed all the way, they lost 80-37. Goldman was high scorer with ten points.

On December 11 Coach Jack Gordon's boys faced John Jay and lost a tough decision 51-46. At the end of the first quarter the Utes trailed by eight, but early in the fourth quarter it was all even. John Jay, however, regained the lead and kept it. Imbriale's 12 points and Bruce Meisner's ten sparked the Utes.

The Utes lost their fourth straight to Fort Hamilton, one of the league's top teams. By the end of the first quarter Fort Hamilton led 22-7 and kept adding to its lead the rest of the way, winning 75-33. High scorers were Stanley Cohen, a sophomore, with eight points, Meisner with seven and Goldman with six.

Against Canarsie the Utes picked up their first league victory. At the half they led by ten points and added 19 points to their lead in the second half. The win was a great team effort. Imbriale scored 15 points; Fin-

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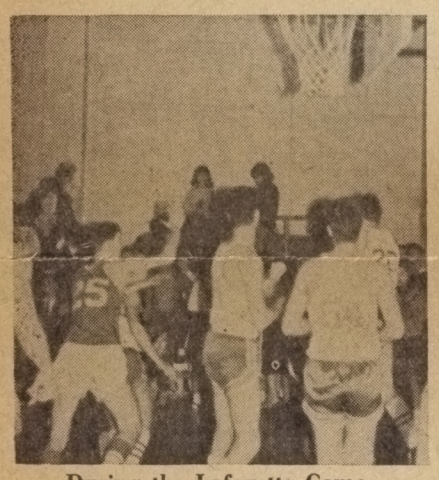


During the Lafayette Game.

Booters Honored

The Utrecht booters took home the 1964 Silver Cup by achieving the position of finalists in the PSAL Soccer Championships. To gain this position, the soccer team won its division championship with an 8-1 record and went on to defeat Haaren High in the quarterfinals and Jamaica High in the semi-finals.

Against Haaren on November 17, Mario Giura scored in the first quarter on a pass from Rocco Morelli to put Utrecht in front 1-0. The score remained this way until the final minute of play when Rocco Morelli scored on a penalty kick.

On November 24 the Utes beat Jamaica High in a double-overtime. The Ute goals were scored by Alfred Yarkony and Morelli.

In the City Championship Game the following week, Evander Childs emerged the victor in a 1-0 contest. The lone tally was scored in the first period. From then on, there were many fine maneuvers on both sides to get into the scoring column, but all ended in failure. The freezing windy weather held both teams in check.

Honored for their many outstanding achievements at a victory dinner in the school cafeteria on Friday evening, December 18, the Ute booters received silver medals from the Public Schools Athletic League and trophies from the school.

The tasty meal was prepared by Mr. Dominic Marinello and was served by members of the Parents' Association. Mario Giura, one of the team members, baked the delicious cake served for dessert, and next year's captain, Anthony Fusco, provided the entertainment with his fine singing. An award was presented to chef Marinello for acting as interpreter for the Italian boys on the team. On behalf of the Boosters, Phyllis Kadison presented a trophy to Captain Morelli as the outstanding member of the team.

Coach Abe Rifkin acted as master of ceremonies. The speakers were Principal Isaac Hersh; Coach Gary Rosenthal of LIU; G.O. President Joe LaTerra; Mr. Ben Vitale, director of community planning for Brooklyn; Mr. Harry Liebowitz of the Alumni Association; Mr. William Slosberg, Booster adviser; and Mr. Jimmy Murphy of the World-Telegram and Sun.

Voted to the All-Brooklyn PSAL first team this year were Morelli and August Scarino. David Markovic was named to the second team. Fusco, Leon Feintuch, Yarkony, Giura and Maurice Szabo received honorable mention.

M. B.

Win Silver Cup; at Victory Dinner

SILVER CUP WINNERS

Bowlers Win Borough Title; Finish First in Division I

The New Utrecht bowling team won the Brooklyn Championship by beating Bushwick on January 12. Prior to this victory, the team garnered a 9-1 record which enabled it to take first place in its division for the first time in five years and then went on to defeat Sheepshead for the district title.

The Ute bowlers lost their only division match to Lafayette in the first half of the season. They then proceeded to win six straight matches, beating Lincoln in two crucial ones, and defeating Fort Hamilton, John Jay, Grady, and Lafayette to bring the team's season division record to 9-1.

On January 7 the Utes defeated Sheepshead 2-1 for the district title. Tony DiRaimondo bowled a 193 and Steve Livingston a 172 to spark the Utes.

In the Bushwick meet, each team had won one game and the Utes were trailing in the deciding third game. Joe Farinella, whom Coach Jerry Rizzo calls "the greatest clutch bowler New Utrecht ever had," then bowled three straight strikes to gain the victory. John Sterrantino bowled a 245 and a 204, and Steve Livingston several clutch strikes.

Tracksters Vanquish Hamilton 57-28

The New Utrecht track and field team, coached by Mr. Stan Silberg and Mr. Allen Leibowitz, opened its 1964-1965 season in very impressive fashion by defeating Fort Hamilton 57-28 on December 5. Walter Johnson, a sophomore sprinter, contributed to the Ute victory by doing very well in the 220 and 440 yard runs as well as in the novice relay. His relay teammates were Dave Amrani, Al Domina, and Steve Wapne. The other relay team consisted of Dennis Sahsoski, Ken Economov, Allen Arce, and Sal Ivone.

New Utrecht, which participated in the Bishop Loughlin meet on December 10, did exceptionally well in the shotput event, with Tony Russo finishing sixth among contestants from 200 high schools. With its new depth, the team is expected to finish high in the division standings this season.

Swimmers Edge Wingate 51-44

Coach Dominic Marinello's swimming team won its first meet of the season by beating Wingate 51-44 on November 23. The meet was a demonstration of a great team effort by the Ute swimmers.

Captain Howard Venetsky and Eugene Kadish came in first and second, respectively, in the 200 yard freestyle. In the 50-yard freestyle, Joe Fried came in first. Kadish and Brian Dunne took first and second place, respectively, in the 400-yard freestyle. Stewart Krohn and Dave Reif did likewise in the 100-yard butterfly stroke.

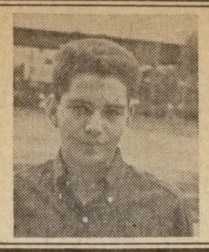
In the diving competition James Gnecco and Philip Ferraro took first and second for the Utes. The 200-yard freestyle relay team composed of Ferraro, Fried, Venetsky and Bruce Weiner won their event in fine style.

The Utes won two medals at the Division Championships held at Madison High on December 8. Outstanding diver Gnecco took second place in the diving competition and Eugene Kadish came in third in the 400-yard freestyle.

Foilsmen Beat Lincoln in Finale

Coach Leonard Lucks' fencing team ended its season on December 1 by picking up its first win, defeating a strong Lincoln team 7-5. Prior to this victory the foilsmen bowed to Sheepshead, 8-4 and to Wingate 8-4.

Despite the team's poor 1-4-1 season record, Coach Lucks feels the Green and White team this season was potentially one of the best in the city. He attributes the poor finish partly to difficulties stemming from the use of electronic equipment, but also to the failure of key players to come through.



The Green and White

By BOB SABLE

The soccer team did a splendid job in winning the silver cup for its second place finish in the city championship playoffs. Of course, the team possessed a great deal of talent, but a key factor in its victories was its great team spirit and loyalty.

August Scarino greatly exemplified this quality. Auggie, who as a result of an injury could hardly walk during the last few weeks of the season, had his leg taped from the knee down in order to be able to play. All season long Auggie played a major part in the team's victories, and if he had not been hampered by the injury, he undoubtedly would have made a big difference in the title game, which ended in a 1-0 loss to Evander Childs.

"Vigarosa" was an integral part of this team spirit. An Italian word meaning "toughness," it became an inspiration to the team. "Rifkin's Raiders" could be heard chanting this word over and over again, before and during every game. "Nothing can beat vigarosa" became the team's motto. This great spirit and loyalty is perhaps more important than the team's great success.

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Now that the football season is over it seems worthwhile to take a closer look at it. The football team finished with a 2-5 league record, but it was a better team than this record would indicate.

In the opener the gridsters were defeated by a strong downpour and John Jay, 20-14. If not for the rain, this game could have been won and would have given the team the incentive to play better ball than it did the rest of the way.

In the Madison game, a fifteen-yard penalty against Utrecht proved to be the deciding factor in a 14-8 loss. Films later showed that the infraction had never been committed.

Against Midwood, rated as the city's best, the Utes scored more points than the combined total of those scored by Midwood's seven other opponents.

This great offensive effort plus the tough losses to John Jay and Madison indicate this year's team could have placed higher in its division. Its poor finish can be attributed to a combination of bad breaks, inexperience, and poor student support.

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Football Coach Sy Rapp and Soccer Coach Abe Rifkin claim the distinction of being school champs for eight straight years in foot-wrestling and hand-wrestling, respectively. Any challengers?

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Congratulations to Mike Mirando, Carl Sanfilippo, Spiro Bekas and Eddie Colelli for their being named to all-city football teams by the city newspapers. Mirando was named to the *Telegram's* second team, the *Post's* third team and the *Journal-American's* second team. The others were given honorable mention.

Sideline Slants

By WARREN SASS

Howard Venetsky

Our chief merman, Howard Venetsky, truly has swimming at heart. Besides competing in the 200-yard freestyle and free style relay events for the swimming team, he has chosen water polo as his hobby. For additional physical exercise, he turns to weight-lifting.

Reflecting on this year's 1-6 record against a tough schedule, Howard says that with a little more practice the swimming team should be able to take on almost all comers.

In the future, Howard wishes to attend Brockport College and become a teacher. Although you might expect him to be interested in the navy, his choice of armed services is the army.

Mike Mirando

Among the veteran three-year men on our football team is Mike Mirando, an excellent offensive end. Before coming to New Utrecht, Mike had had no previous team experience outside of the usual street games, but when he got to high school Mr. Rapp asked him to play for the junior varsity and later, the varsity.

Mr. Rapp's perceptiveness as a talent scout is evidenced by the fact that Mike was chosen for the all-city second team and was a first teamer on the all-South Brooklyn team.

Outside of football, Mike likes skiing, both on snow and water. He hopes to attend RCA classes in the evening to prepare for a career as an electrician.

David Markovic

There have been people who remember swimming before walking or horseback riding before attending kindergarten. Our all-city soccer left fullback remembers playing soccer right after learning how to run. The value of the practice certainly shows in his splendid playing for our triborough championship team.

Soccer is not Dave's only interest. He also enjoys tennis, ping pong, and dancing. As far as his plans for a career are concerned, he would like to attend the Aeronautic Institute of Technology and become an engineer.

Alumnae Beat Students Twice in Volleyball

The girls' annual student-alumnae volleyball game, sponsored by the Girl's Health Education Department, was held this year on December 1, in the girl's gym. Miss Gail Molot supervised the game.

The students got off to a roaring start, taking a 3-0 lead. However, the alumnae went ahead and won 15-3. The students led in the second game but again lost 15-6.

Gracious in defeat after two hard-fought games, the students provided refreshments for all.

"Teahouse" To Be Produced As Varsity Show Next Term

The Teahouse of the August Moon has been selected as the varsity show to be presented next term. The comedy, a Broadway and motion picture success, will be directed by Mrs. Alice Meyer, who also directed last year's varsity show.

"Teahouse" is the story of the American Army occupation of a small Japanese island whose inhabitants are not as naive as they may appear. Fisby, a well-meaning but bumbling captain, is given the job of putting the village of Tobiki on its feet. He is "helped" by his Americanized interpreter, Sakini, with such problems as dealing with a geisha girl given to him as a present, and trying to convince the villagers that they may not build a teahouse in which the geisha girls can practice their trade instead of the school planned by the occupation forces.

The leading members of the cast, selected last month after weeks of tryouts, are Dennis Ricupero, Lenny DiSesa, Irene Palay, Marcia Cohen, Neal Antin, and Richard Petrocelli. Assuming major responsibility as production manager will be Natalie Weisman, and as stage managers, Rea Simon and David Newman. There will be one professional in the cast, but all details concerning her are currently being kept secret.

Already at work on production and publicity problems for the show, which will be presented May 8 and 9, are Speakers' Workshop, directed by Mrs. Rhoda Agin, and the stage crew, whose faculty adviser is Miss Adele Fink.

The new Arista officers, elected by the membership at a meeting on January 20, are:

Boy Leader: Mark Kaplan

Girl Leader: Carol LaGreca

Treasurer: Tim Holiner

Secretary: Rachelle Wind

Service, Achievements Cited At Term's Awards Assembly

The Awards Assembly, at which students are cited for outstanding achievement in the fields of scholarship, service, and athletics, was held on December 16.

Among the recipients of awards in the field of scholarship were Robert Cherdack, a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, and Jack Calabria, who received the first Jack Nathanson Memorial Medal for excellence in ninth year mathematics.

Silver pins awarded by "Mechanics Illustrated" for accomplishments in industrial arts were presented to William Bianco, Charles Christenson, Raymond Cusick, Laura Fazio, Richard Festa, Michael LoBasso, Fred Pellerito, and Beatrice Viggiano.

Several departments cited students for excellence in various subjects, and members of teams, squads, and school organizations were honored for their service. The students' names were announced by Mr. Hersh and by Mr. Louis Feldman and Mr. Abraham Goodman, administrative assistants.

Entertainment during the program included a performance of Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C# Minor" by Annie Fox; a demonstration fencing match between Izaak Gralla and Leonard Wengrow; and a scene from "Dream Girl," acted by Marcia Cohen.

Madrigal Performs At Holiday Program

This year's Christmas-Chanukah program was presented by the Madrigal Society, under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Rubel, during a special pre-holiday assembly held on December 23.

Featured as soloists were Lorraine Egrini, vice-president of Madrigal, who sang "People"; John Kadula, assistant conductor of Madrigal, whose song was "I Believe"; Harold Mermel, who sang "Song of the Maccabees"; and Bonnie Black, treasurer of Madrigal, whose solo was "Christmas Song," an original composition by Mr. Rubel. Lorraine and Bonnie, along with Phyllis Albano, also performed as The Three Belles. They presented their arrangement of "Jingle Bells."

The entire Madrigal Society sang "Deck the Halls," conducted by Philip Liebfreund, and "Non Nobis" and "Ave Verum," conducted by John Kadula. The program was concluded with "A Greeting Card," written and conducted by Mr. Rubel.

Leadership . . .

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office squads. Harriet is also a member of Arista.

Girl Leader of Arista, Linda has also been an associate justice of the Student Court during the current term. She has participated in the varsity show, Drama Workshop, Speakers' Workshop, and three Sings, and has been a member of a number of office squads. For the G.O., she worked on the Publicity, County Fair, Social, and Ticket Commissions.

Besides being president of the senior class, Irwin is a member of the stage crew and has performed service during the varsity show, Sings, and assemblies. He has also worked for the Speech Department and has been a member of other office squads and of the G.O.'s Ticket and Publicity Commissions.

Additional awards for outstanding service will be given to six other graduates. Elaine Elfenbein, Maureen Guzzardi, Arnold Schlissel, and Arlene Tomei will receive Parents Association awards, and Judy Bernstein and David Tesser will receive Alumni Association awards.

Basketball . . .

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kelstein 14; Cohen, 11; Goldman, 8; Captain Jeffrey Burns, 7; Meisner, 5; and Marvin Rosenberg, 5.

Jerry Finkelstein gave the most outstanding Ute performance of the year in the Sheepshead game on December 23. Against a superior team, Jerry scored 22 points, the highest individual Ute score of the year. The cagers still managed to lose, 72-54.

The cagers lost to Lincoln 47-44 in a game that went right down to the wire. At halftime the score was tied 25 all and in the second half the game was just as close, Lincoln finally winning by three points. Finkelstein, Meisner and Cohen were high scorers with nine points each.

On January 8 against first-place Lafayette the Utes put out their best team performance of the year. They lost the game 62-50 but anyone watching the game could tell it was a different Utrecht team playing on even terms against Lafayette. High scorers were Imbriale wth 11 points, Burns with 10, Finkelstein with 9, and Meisner with 7. B.S.

Utes Score High In PSAT Exams

Two New Utrecht juniors—Abraham Getzler and Joel Zimmerman—and two seniors—Richard Friedberg and Warren Sass—achieved scores in the 99th percentile in both the verbal and the mathematics parts of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test given in November. The results were announced by Mrs. Alice Friedberg, college adviser.

The percentile rank is determined on a nationwide basis, involving a comparison with scores attained on the same examination by students throughout the country.

As a result of their achievements in the PSAT exam, Richard and Warren have been designated as semi-finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program. The Program is open to high school seniors who are members of the National Honor Society, of which New Utrecht's Arista is an affiliate. Finalists will be chosen on the basis of students' grades, rank in class, need, and service records.

Nineteen Awarded Mayor's Citations

Mayor's Citations for Scholastic Achievement have been awarded to 19 New Utrecht students chosen from the top of the January and June senior ranking lists. The city permits each high school to award a citation to one of every 75 of its graduates.

Winners of the Mayor's Citations, which will be awarded at City Hall during formal presentation ceremonies scheduled for May, are also eligible for the Mayor's Committee College Tuition Scholarships if they plan to attend one of the schools participating in this program. The scholarships, awarded on the basis of need, are automatically renewable for a complete undergraduate course of up to four years in the participating colleges and universities.

The Citation winners from the class of January 1965 are Morris Beatus, Warren Sass, and Judybonnie Steinberg. The June graduates selected for awards are Allan Altman, Sharon Bloom, Richard Friedberg, Richard Friedman, Melvyn Harris, Tim Holiner, Mark Kaplan, Elaine Liebman, Bruce Miller, Stephen Nash, Susan Rand, Dennis Ricupero, Ronald Rosenberg, Robert Sable, Rochelle Wulwick, and Mary Zervos.

Chess Boards Set Up For New Club, Team

As a result of an invitation to participate in the activities of an inter-scholastic chess league, a chess club has been formed here. Warren Sass, the group's president, and Mr. Robert Perkus, its faculty adviser, have organized the club in an effort to provide students with a place and time to meet and develop skill in a game which is of interest to them.

The usual procedure at club meetings consists of a 20-minute lecture on the basic principles of chess, followed by a period of chess practice. The best players will make up the New Utrecht chess team which will compete with other schools.

The club meets on Mondays after the eighth period in Room 202.

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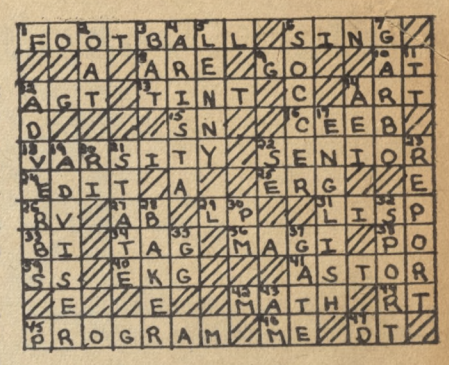

Scholarship Classes To Meet Next Term

Next term, a unique group will meet during the fifth period. This group, organized by Mr. Mannis Charosh, coordinator of guidance, will be called the "Scholarship Preparation Class." The purpose of this class is to prepare sixth-term students with high scholastic potential for the State Scholarship Exam they will be taking the following October.

The group will be composed of three classes having approximately 35 students each. The first group will be taking social studies; the second, English; and the third, a combination of mathematics and science. Each course will occupy a six-week time period. At the end of each period, the three classes will rotate, so each will have taken all three courses.

Other schools have had similar courses before. Mr. Hersh felt that our students should be given equal opportunity with regard to preparation for the Scholarship Exam. He also hopes to arrange for some refresher courses to be given next term several weeks before the exam is taken.

Congratulations!

The math team achieved eighth place among a total of 30 schools participating in math competitions last term. Tim Holiner is the team's captain, and Mr. Mannis Charosh its adviser.

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